

## How He Did It?

**BEST POSTMASTER IN AMERICA IS GIVING BILL HAYS SOME TIPS.**

Minneapolis, Aug. 27.—Meet the best postmaster in America—E. A. Purdy.

Purdy runs the Minneapolis post-office. He's a democrat—plugged hard for Wilson for president in 1912 and was rewarded with the postmastership in 1914. He has done such a good job of it that not only is Postmaster General Will Hays going to retain him, if possible, but Hays has taken him to Washington to give the department pointers on how postoffices should be run.

"A postoffice ought to be more than a place to buy a postage stamp or call for a letter," said Purdy, the day he took office.

And he started out to make it so.

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How? Well, for one thing he put a quietus on a general movement in the direction of still higher rents in Minneapolis. The rent hogs were clamoring for more; their "wolf cry" was a "housing shortage."

P. M. Purdy just had the mail carriers count the empty houses and flats. They did it in two days—and found 1,500. The "housing shortage" was a myth. Did rents go up? No. People found it cheaper to move than to pay higher rent.

Any postmaster with the right public spirit and an equal amount of pep can do as much for the rent ridden tenants of his bailiwick.

Purdy has done a lot of other progressive things to the rusty old post-office machine. Among them he:

Established an information bureau in the postoffice.

Organized a postal employees band.

Placed all street mail boxes in an exact line to speed collections.

Shot carriers to the start of their routes in automobiles.

Established the postoffice's own garages, thus saving money.

Invented new machinery to facilitate handling of mail.

Started 20-minute collection service in the afternoon in the business district.

Induced railroads to rearrange schedules, speeding up mail four to six hours.

And that isn't all of it. Purdy figured that a special parcel post service to Lake Minnetonka, the summer resort 15 miles from the city, would pay dividends in cash as well as comfort.

Answer: Ten trucks carry all kinds of supplies from the city to the resort. Returning, they bring produce from the country to city consumers.

More than that, just to overlook no opportunity for service, Purdy instructed the parcel post men to weigh babies for any mothers at whose homes they stopped. So all the babies along the routes can be weighed regularly and their mothers can know definitely whether they are gaining or losing.

Purdy's latest innovation was to install phonograph music for the night force.

"They'll not only work faster, but they'll be happier," he said. "From midnight to morning are dismal hours; music will cheer the boys up a bit."

It did—and the work has speeded up 20 per cent.

**GRAPES CAN BE GROWN IN MANY PARTS OF STATE**

State College, Aug. 31.—Grapes can be grown in many parts of New Mexico, but the right varieties should be selected. The European or so-called California grape is better suited to the lower and warmer irrigated parts of the state. The native varieties such as the Concord and Delaware are better adapted to the cooler and higher altitudes, according to the horticulturists of the Agricultural College.

The European grape is not quite as hardy as the native varieties and occasionally the whole vine may be winter killed, especially during a very dry and severe winter. The grower should take precautions against any loss from this source. The best and easiest way to protect the European grape is to hill the dirt around the vine to the height of 8 to 12 inches above the scaffold of the stump. The native variety being very hardy to cold, would not need to be winter protected. The grapes are more or less subject to late spring frost injury, but due to the fact that as a rule they are later in starting to grow in the spring, they escape more injury than many of the other fruits.

Vineyards are all started from cuttings, preferably rooted cuttings. When the cuttings are of the average size of 15 to 20 inches long, they can be planted half their length, leaving from 3 to 4 buds above the ground. A common distance for planting on a commercial plantation is 8 by 8 feet, which will give about 300 vines per acre. The European grape does better when trained on the stump system, while the American varieties do better when trained on a trellis.

A sandy loam to a loam is considered the best soil for grapes. The heavy adobe tends to produce too much of a cane growth and makes the grapes ripen later and more irregularly.

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES

(By Mrs. M. L. Blaney.)

The Lincoln County Board of Education met in the office of the County Superintendent of Schools, August 29. The petition of patrons of School District No. 23 asking that the board restore this district to its original boundaries considered and granted.

Contract for the transportation of children of School District No. 28 awarded to Albert Rhode. This is the first time that bids for truck service have been received.

With the exception of two or three districts, contracts for teachers have been approved by the county board. These districts are reported as having teachers hired.

The state board has been delayed in sending out the courses of study for this coming year on account of the printers being unable to complete same. We hope to furnish copies of same by the time school opens Sept. 5.

Teachers are requested to study carefully the eleven proposed amendments which will be voted upon September 20, and be able to explain those relating to schools to the patrons of their respective districts. "A nation is judged by its education" and we cannot afford to reduce the standard our schools have attained and to maintain this standard costs money.

Since all the people of the county are interested in the County High School, I submit the following report of that school for the year ending June 30:

Enrollment Senior High School, 36; four senior graduates; Enrollment Junior High School, 24, nine Eighth Grade graduates; Total 60. Total cost to County for maintenance, \$9,825.90.

School organizations: Parent-Teachers association; Library association added 146 volumes to library; Athletic association, financed by the association; Home Economics Department, financed by the assistance of girls of department and donations made by friends.

Balance on hand, \$112.00. Manual Training department: Repaired building, built basket-ball equipment, tables for domestic science, repaired articles from home and constructed simple cabinets.

Mr. Melville Peters, who will have charge of the Manual Training department of Lincoln County High School, arrived Wednesday from Detroit.

**TO CALL PHONE RATE HEARING SEPTEMBER 12**

Santa Fe, Aug. 27.—The corporation commission's hearing on proposals against the scheduled telephone rate advances will be held probably September 12 provided the Mountain States Tel. & Tel. company accepts the provisions of the proposed constitutional amendment No. 5 in advance of ratification, Hugh H. Williams, chairman, stated today.

He said E. P. Davis, local attorney or the company, looked favorably on the proposal—that the company accept the provisions of the proposed constitutional amendment at once so as to speed up the hearing—and referred it to the company's general attorney at Denver. Mr. Davis expects an early answer.

Mr. Williams said the hearing probably would be held in Albuquerque. He understood Santa Fe telephone users were going to join in the fight against the advances. Only those who use one-party residence lines are hit.

Mr. Williams was informed, the company will be nearly \$200 more annually from them unless the increases are knocked out.

**SELLING PRICE OF CANE SYRUP IS CUT IN HALF**

New Orleans, Aug. 26.—Henkel and Ford, Ltd., one of the largest manufacturers of cane syrup in this country, today announced a fifty per cent reduction in the selling price of its syrup. This reduction should bring the retail price to \$1 a gallon, it was without additional operating cost.

**FOR RENT**—One, two room and one four room homes for rent. Apply to A. H. Harvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Mrs. Beula Givkey motored down to El Paso Thursday for a short visit with friends at the border.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hobbs of Carlsbad spent several days here this week among Carrizozo friends. They returned Thursday.

Mrs. Louise Spence of White Oaks left Wednesday for Carroll, Iowa, having been called to the bedside of her father, who is very ill.

Mr. Frank Maxwell and children returned Thursday from the east where they have been visiting relatives during the vacation period.

**BORN**—At the St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell, Aug. 26, Mr. and Mrs. Herick Johnson of Glenwood, a boy. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Mrs. A. E. Sweet and daughter M. E. Sweet of El Paso, are visiting the E. H. Sweet family of the Carrizozo Eating House for the present week.

## Labor Day Proclamation

BY THE GOVERNOR.

LABOR DAY this year falls upon the 5th day of September. In American communities, where all worthy citizens are laborers in one or another department of human activity, it is unnecessary to comment upon the magnitude and importance of labor.

We all know that without labor and its accomplishments, intellectual as well as material, we could not have progressed far from the status of the cave dweller; and it is fitting that a day be set aside and observed each year in honor of labor.

THEREFORE, I, M. C. Mechem, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby designate

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1921

as Labor Day and a Legal Holiday in the State of New Mexico.

I respectfully request that labor organizations, patriotic societies, civic, industrial, agricultural and commercial bodies, educational institutions and churches, join in preparing suitable programs for the day; that all state offices be closed, and that the national flag be displayed on public buildings as a mark of respect to Labor.

Done at the Executive Office this 27th day of August, A. D. 1921. Witness my hand and the great seal of the State of New Mexico.

Attest:  
MANUEL MARTINEZ,  
Secretary of State.

## ENERGY FOR FUTURE ELECTRICITY TO COME FROM SUN SAYS STEINMETZ

With the people of the United States using more and more electricity every day.

With our known coal supply likely to run out within a few generations, and—

When all the potential water power of the country developed to full capacity, will only furnish enough electricity to supply our present demands—

Where is our electricity of the future to come from?

Dr. Charles Steinmetz, electrical wizard of the General Electric company, advances an answer:

"From the utilization of the energy of the sun, directly, instead of thru coal and water power," says he.

**Being Done in Egypt.**  
"This is absolutely feasible. Over in Egypt it is already being done."

"Perhaps many ways will be found, but one of the most simple ways is the impounding of heat by glass. Glass is transparent to light waves, but opaque to heat. The light waves pass through the glass and generate heat, which heat they imprison, so to speak."

Steinmetz points to the greenhouse as an example of this: "Sunlight passes through its glass walls," says, "and may even pass out again. But the heat it generates does not readily pass through the glass. That is why it is warmer inside a greenhouse than in the sunlight outside."

"By utilizing heat generated this way to heat water pipes we may generate steam and convert the power thus developed into electric energy."

Steinmetz says this plan is too expensive at present to be practical, but believes it indicates a path of great promise and a power resource that must be taken into consideration.

As to the tides and the interior heat of the earth furnishing the means for making electricity, the electrical wizard sees little promise.

"The power provided by impounding the tide waters is necessarily limited," he says. "For the most part the fall of water, and hence the power that can be developed from it, is relatively small."

"As to the interior of the earth, we might dig a hole ten feet deep and there find a temperature equal to that of a steam boiler. But the minute that heat source was tapped, the quantity of heat would decrease."

**Plants May Help.**  
"In any event, the sun is the chief source of power to be considered. We may even expect some day to develop plants that will grow with such tremendous rapidity that they will absorb a very large quantity of sun energy, and hence we shall be able, using them as fuel, to turn that energy to the generation of electricity."

"While it is the height of folly to waste our present fuel resources, we need not be pessimistic as to our future sources of energy."

"One of the pressing problems, not of the future, but of the present, is to find and follow far more efficient methods of extracting the potential energy in coal and oil."

## Ancho Notes

Messrs. James Cooper and Lin Brannum of Carrizozo, took in the races at Duran last week.

Mrs. L. M. Scott of Carrizozo is nursing Mrs. J. W. May in her present illness. She accompanied the Mays to Hot Springs where they will remain a month.

Robert Kilgore spent the weekend with his family at their ranch north of Ancho.

The Ancho school will begin Sept. 1, with a force of new teachers.

## SCHOOL NOTES

(By Supt. E. F. Cole)

The Carrizozo schools will open Monday, Sept. 5, at nine o'clock, for a short session, after which they will be dismissed on the first day. It is very important that every pupil be in place on the first day. Those having the Brown Reader, or the Pearson and Martin Reader, should bring it, either to use or sell to some one else.

Parents and pupils please note the following directions:

Third Grade pupils should go to Mrs. Humphrey's room.

All Second Grade pupils should go to Mr. Massie's room.

All First Grade pupils should go to Miss Burton's room.

All Primary pupils from the West Side should go to Miss Ivy Lindsey's room.

The above arrangement puts every pupil of each grade into the same room, with the same teacher, with the same instruction, and the same chance of promotion.

The other teachers of the city are: E. F. Cole, Superintendent and Science.

Bryan Cazier, Principal, Manual Training, Athletics.

Fanny Fordon, Commercial Branches.

Martha Laver, English and Librarian.

Idalia Cowan, Spanish and Home Economics.

Mrs. W. L. Gumm, Supervisor of Grades and Eighth Grade.

Mrs. Nellie Clark, Seventh Grade.

Mrs. Jay Vaughn, Sixth Grade.

Mrs. Tuten, Fifth Grade.

Ellen Herron, Fourth Grade.

Mrs. J. B. French, Substitute teacher.

There will be a general teachers' meeting Saturday morning, at nine o'clock, in room eight, of the High School, at which all teachers are expected to be present.

## White Oaks Items

Mr. and Mrs. White of Parson were the guests of Mrs. Chas. Speck at the Power House for a few days this week.

Mr. C. D. Mayer and family are bidding farewell to the once thriving city of White Oaks and their numerous friends to take abode in the nearby city of Carrizozo.

Miss Dolly Kenedy Yancey of Charleston South Carolina is spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hanner.

Mr. At Lattell is spending the summer months here for his health. Old friends are glad to see him.

There will be church at the Methodist church every second and fourth Sundays. Everybody come.

## Food Sale

The ladies of the Methodist Church will hold a Food Sale on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 10, at the office of Mr. B. L. Stimmet. There will be not only baked foods, but also a big variety of appetizing dish foods. Anyone wishing something special, may phone Mrs. C. P. Huppertz.

Special attention is called to the fact that a meeting of all the women of the congregation will be held in the church next Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 6, at 3 o'clock. A special invitation is extended to the young women of the church.

## B. Y. P. U. Program

(James Roselle, President.)

Devotional Meeting: "The High Calling."

Introduction by Leader, Earl Harkey.

"In Seeking the High Calling, we are to put no Confidence in the Flesh," Pearl Baldwin.

"We Need Righteousness from God, by Faith," Lillian Merchant.

Special Music, Nellie Ayers.

"Forgiving the Past," Paul McFarland.

"Cultivating a Divine Discontent for past Achievements," Lottie Ayers.

"Stretching Towards the Glories of the Future," Clyde Payne.

Benediction.

## TO INFORMATION SEEKERS

There will be a non-partisan meeting at the Court House Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock for the purpose of having the 11 amendments explained in detail, that are to be voted on at the coming election Sept. 20. Everybody invited.

## Forestry Legislation

**MARKED PROGRESS SHOWN IN STATE FORESTRY LEGISLATION.**

Albuquerque, Aug. 30.—Probably never in the history of our country has there been such marked interest in forest preservation by State legislators as at the present time, report officers of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. No less than 33 states have now provided for some sort of forestry activities and 25 of these states share in the Federal cooperative forest protection fund, allotted to states maintaining an effective fire detection and suppression system. Two others have also recently applied for such assistance. Public backing of the movement to preserve our remaining forests from destruction by fire, and to put our old forest lands to work growing trees, is becoming widespread, and the effects of the popular demand for action is clearly shown in the State laws passed this year.

Pennsylvania, under the able direction of Gifford Pinchot, the new Commissioner of Forestry, leads all States in forest activity, but much important State forestry legislation has been passed and many states are engaging in forestry practice this year. While bills for the compulsory teaching of fire prevention in public schools were passed by California, Rhode Island and West Virginia. A similar measure was passed by the New York legislature but vetoed by the governor. New Jersey already has such a law.

Maine, Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina, Louisiana, New Hampshire and Connecticut have made genuine advancement in conservation and growth of forest resources by the adoption of an adequate policy for state forestry and by substantial increase of money appropriations for the carrying out of the plan and several other state legislatures have had forestry questions under consideration, which have made for progress, even though no definite legislation has been accomplished as yet.

## NEW MEXICO MOHAIR GROWERS GAIN THROUGH POOLING CLIP

The mohair crop from the goats in Grant County, N. Mex., has always been sold in small lots to speculators, who never paid the growers what their clip was really worth. Most of these lots, which ranged from 200 to 1,500 pounds, were too small to ship individually. The county agent of the United States Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural college, through the assistance of the field marketing agent of the Bureau of Markets and Crop Estimates helped to organize the mohair producers in the county into a cooperative association by which the best possible price could be secured for the growers at the least expense.

The county agent, with one or two farsighted and enthusiastic growers, called on every mohair producer in the county. The mohair from the spring clip of all the growers in the association was pooled in Silver City. The fall clip will be similarly disposed of. Buyers and spinners in different parts of the country made bids for the mohair, and finally the entire lot of between 25,000 and 30,000 was shipped to a Boston purchaser at a price of practically 40 cents a pound. Without the association the growers would have sold to the buyer who goes regularly through this territory. His offer this year was 30 cents a pound, so that the growers got between \$2,500 and \$3,000 more for their mohair by selling cooperatively than they would otherwise have received.

## SENA TO BE PUSHED FOR N. M. TOGA BY INDEPENDENT G. O. P.

Santa Fe, N. M., Aug. 26.—Apollonio A. Sena, former captain of the New Mexico mounted police and a resident of Las Vegas, was nominated for United States senator last night by the convention of Independent Republicans held here. His name was the only one presented, and the nomination was by acclamation. The convention adopted the name "Independent party" and Sena's name independent party candidate was formally filed with the secretary of the state to go on the official ballots. Max Gutierrez of Bernalillo county was permanent chairman of the convention and H. S. Deherrera of Las Vegas, secretary.

Five counties were represented, Bernalillo, San Miguel, Mora, Guadalupe and Santa Fe.

## To Stump for Hanna.

Three Democratic congressmen will make speaking tours for Richard H. Hanna, democratic candidate for senator.

John N. Garner and Marvin Jones of Texas and Carl Hayden, Arizona, have offered their services to Democratic headquarters and will take the stump as soon as their itineraries have been made out by the speakers' bureau.

Senator Jones, New Mexico, also will take part, but when he will arrive from Washington was not definitely known today. He sent word, however, he was coming.